

REMARKS


Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Steele in the March 6, 2007 telephone interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

The Examiner asserts that Applicants' election with traverse was not fully responsive because the probe of formula II and the compound of formula I contains a group "HS" that is not defined by the Applicants.

As discussed during the telephone interview, "S" represents a sulfur atom, and "H" represents a hydrogen atom. Applicants respectfully submit that a distinct definition of an "HS" group is not needed, where such symbolic representation of individual elements in structural chemical formulas are commonly used in the art, and would be instantly recognized and understood by one skilled in the art.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the November 27, 2006 Response to Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment was fully responsive to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement. Examination on the merits and allowance of the claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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